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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Application Number	Country	Filing Date (Day/Month/Year)	Priority Claimed (yes or no)
2002-216840	Japan	25/07/2002	Yes

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